



# ***HPC Connections***

Knowing, Growing, Sharing, and Serving

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September 2015

## **A New Season**

Isn't summertime great? School is out and even though work doesn't come to a halt for a time away, most of us have vacation time and enjoy getting away and being renewed.

What a summer this has been! Mine kind of started early this year with a very special invitation from my sister to join her and her hubby in Sanibel Island, Florida for my birthday. I've never had a vacation like that one! It was beautiful and warm with great seafood dinners every evening. I'm ready to back to the beach again, and it's only been a little over three months.

Then, I had the joy of traveling back home to Kansas/Oklahoma to see my sons and their families and to officiate at the wedding of a special friend. That was very memorable for many reasons - the wedding and the bride and groom looked stunning, as did the wedding party, especially with all those different pastel colored umbrellas in so many of the pictures. Instead of the ceremony

taking place in the lovely yard, we ended up in the tent with not just a downpour, but an electrical storm with very loud claps of thunder to the point of it being quite a competition to speak loud enough, even with a mic, for anyone to hear - most importantly - the special couple!

I know that many of you have also had some very special times this summer. I've enjoyed keeping up with our families on Facebook and seeing all the trips, the fun and meaningful events you have experienced.

But, as the Teacher in Ecclesiastes wrote "For everything there is a season ..." A time for vacation and a time for school. A time to skip church and a time to come back to church. Okay, he didn't actually write those last two sentences. But I bet you can see where this is going!

I am excited about this new Fall Season that we have planned! And I do hope that you will feel renewed, rested, and ready to be involved with your church family; ready to be a regular worshipper, to get the children involved in church activities that our teachers plan and work on with such dedication and heart. It's all starting up in just a few short weeks!

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is the Big Kickoff!** Worship will go back to the 11:00 a.m. time. Adult Sunday School will meet again at 9:30. There will be Sunday School/Nursery for our young children during the worship hour, following the Children's Message.

The Tweens and Teens for Christ will meet on Sunday evenings with the leadership of Sara Pettit and Pastor Shaun. We are bringing back Youth Sunday on the third Sunday of each month, and are looking forward to the leadership of our youth as they participate in various ways during worship.

We also have great Bible Study offerings coming up throughout the year and hope you will find some of them of interest and will come and participate. The Presbyterian Men's group continues to meet and discuss Scriptures, plus giving one another much support. (I suspect there is a good bit of fun happening there as well!)

**There will be a pot luck dinner that day, (on September 13<sup>th</sup>) after worship and all the teams will have a table with information, sharing what each team is about, and what they have planned that will be coming up.** That way, you will have all the info you need, plus you might be inspired to join one of those teams. There are many areas to choose from when it comes to serving Jesus in ministry!

I'm excited about getting back to our regular schedule and really hope you are too! This is such a great time to start anew with the ministry we are called to do. And if you haven't been able to be involved for a while, this is a great time to begin again!

I am praying that we will have so many people, so many families, on September 13<sup>th</sup> that our sanctuary and fellowship hall will be really crowded and that the joyful noise of the children will be even louder than that thunder and lightening at the wedding I did in May!

With the psalmist, let us proclaim: "I was glad when they said unto me ... let us go into the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

See you on September 13<sup>th</sup>! Don't forget!

#thebigkickoff #worshiptheLord #potluck #teamministrytables  
#LOTSofFUN

Peace and Grace!

Rev. Sharlyn Gates

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## *A Word from Pastor Shaun. . .*

As the twilights of the summer's rays begin to fade away, families are beginning to take their children to get new school clothes and supplies. But we know from the past that not everyone in the Holly area can afford to purchase school supplies. With that said I would like to thank everyone who brought in school supplies to help the

Holly Area Youth Assistance provide children in our local area with the school supplies they need to start the new school year out right. In addition, to a new school year beginning, please prayerfully think about either joining as a family, or by yourself, one of the different bible studies taking place this year. Either come in the morning prior to the Sunday service, or join the men or women's bible study in the evening.

God Bless

Pastor Shaun

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Do you know anyone here?

### ***Calendar of Events for September 2015***

#### **Regular Weekly Events**

- Sunday** 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Fellowship and Coffee  
11:00 am Worship Starts  
11:15 am Gathering Place for Kids  
3:00 pm AA  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm TFC begins Sept. 20th
- Monday** 7:30 pm AA & Alanon
- Tuesday thru Thursday**  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friends with Needs Outreach

## Wednesday

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm Presbyterian Men's Bible Study-Community Room

7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall

Women's Study begins Sept. 16th

### Schedule of Additional Events

Sep 3 7:00 pm AYSO

Sep 6 11:15 am Fellowship Team Meeting at rear of Fellowship Hall

Sep 8 6:30 pm Team Meeting

Sep 11 10:00 am -12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Sep 13 Kick off-Potluck after Worship-We start back with 9:30 am Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee, 11:00 am Worship, 11:15 am Gathering Place for Kids

Sep 15 9:00 am Presbytery Meeting-Linden Presbyterian Church  
Office Closed (Sherry in Training)

October Newsletter Articles Due

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Sep 19 10:00 am -2:00 pm Baby Pantry

Sep 20 12:00 pm Healthy Check up

Sep 25 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Baby Pantry

Sep 26 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Snoop Party- Fellowship Hall

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## Finance Team Update

### Income and Expenses

#### Actual Income:

June	\$8,462.27	July	16,429.48	YTD	77,127.63
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#### Actual Expenses:



**Electronic Giving-It's so easy. Give it a try.**

Go to [www.hollypc.org](http://www.hollypc.org)-- scroll to bottom of the page "electronic online giving", click on "give now" You will be directed to Presbyterian Mission Exchange Website-It will show Holly Presbyterian Church. Choose either one time or recurring. Put in the amount, day of week, start date and end date. The rest is your information (ie Name, address credit or debit card information).

Then press Give Now. You did it!!

Note: Presbyterian Mission Exchange sends you by email a notification of each contribution you make. Keep these for your records for tax purposes.

Thanks,

Finance Team

Bob Killewald, Vicki Lyles, Brian Parker, Laura Parker and Christine Cook.

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## Christian Ed Team Update



### **Kick-off Sunday is Coming September 13th -**

Help us kick off the new year right! Kick-off Sunday will be a Church wide event that includes everything you need to know about 2015/2016 Christian Education offerings, as well as information about all church teams and their upcoming events/activities. Below

is an agenda for the day:

- 9:30 am Adult Sunday school begins. Barbara Brown will be leading this group in a study of the New Testament.
- 10:30 am Coffee / Fellowship
- 11:00 am Worship - return to fall worship hours.
- 11:15 am Gathering Place for Kids Sunday School for Infant, Pre-K and Kindergarten aged children. This will be after the Children's Message.

**TFC (formerly TFC/TwFC) will meet starting Sunday September 20th 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

- 12:00 noon Potluck and Kick-off Fair

Be sure to stay for the potluck and learn about the various church teams and the many ongoing and planned events/activities.

**The Wednesday Lunch Bunch** will start back on September 15th with a review of David. Then we will dive into The Psalms. Bring a little something for your lunch! All are welcome to join us. A good time of fellowship and learning. If you have any questions, please see Charlee Litten.

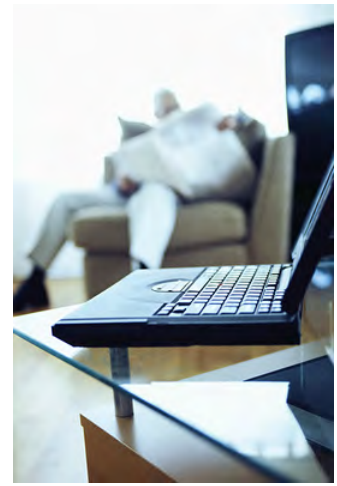
**Presbyterian Men's Bible Study** is meeting Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Community Room (Lower Level). The current study is based on select scripture reading followed by discussion. The class is led by Randy Cook.

**Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** will start on Wednesday September 16th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will need to see the materials we have at the kick off to see the exciting things we will be doing this year.

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# Technology Team

The Technology Team is made up of Walt Brown, Jim Lyles, Nick Pettit and Brian Parker.



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# Care Team Update

## Prayer /Joy process

In order to keep up on prayers and joys, a new process was developed with the assistance of Roberta Single. A basket will be placed on the table in the back of the sanctuary with a slip of paper for the information you provide. Take one fill it out and place it in the offertory plate. These will be collected by the counters and turned into the office secretary, who will enter into bulletin for the next week. These prayers/joys will stay in the system for one month and then drop off. If you notice it has dropped off and you wish continued prayers please fill out another request form as previously done. These will be scrolled at the beginning of the service as it is now. More information is provided so there is clarification of the prayer/joy with a month rotation.



Questions: see Karen Haneline

Sample:

PRAYER/JOY

WHO \_\_\_\_\_

CONCERN \_\_\_\_\_

RELATION \_\_\_\_\_

- For those serving, or who have served, in military service.
- For all those who are in nursing homes, shut in, or seeking comfort



and healing.

- For healing for Amber Leaming, Barb Brown, Pete Olson, Christine Cook and Ron Randall (Marilyn Voorhies), "C.J." Brummeler (friend of Cathie Killewald), Paul Burnett (neighbor of Cathie Killewald), Barbara Wells (knee surgery), Kenzie Nash's best friend's mother, and Lee Ott's nephew, Ken.
- Prayers and sympathy for the family of Harriett Striggow.

## Joys

- For the promises we have through Jesus Christ.

## Prayers of Concern at Presbytery of Lake Huron

- Elder Caroline Johnson, Clerk of Session for Beaverton First, whose husband Tom has passed away.
- The Rev. Peter Russell, Honorably Retired, who recently had a health setback. He and his wife, Verna greatly appreciate all of the prayers lifted up for them.
- The family of Elder Mike Gage and congregation Kinde-First on his passing in August. He faithfully served his congregation and various presbytery committees.
- Ben, Hazel and Maeve Offrink are mourning the loss of his wife and their mother. He is the son of the Rev. Jim Offink (HR). Ben is still battling cancer. Shelby lost her battle, June 28th. Please keep the family and Ben in your prayers at this most difficult transition.
- Tom & Pam Brackbill. Tom is Pastor of Alma-First. Pam has Younger Onset of Alzheimer's Disease. She is now under the care of Masonic Pathways.
- Please join The Presbytery of Lake Huron in welcoming Rev. Dr. Daniel M. Saperstein as our new Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

## Healthy Church Check In!

Nurse Karen will be in on Sunday, September 20th after worship. Nurse Karen will be available to check your

- blood pressure
- oxygen rate
- heart rate
- blood glucose levels

Get your vitals checked and be in charge of your wellness!

Note: These screenings are not intended to be a substitute for your doctor's care. Results are strictly for your information, and is not medical advice.

### Care Team

Karen Haneline, Loretta Weiss, Beth Dryer, Linda Burns, Jennifer Chanter, Jan Bradshaw.

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## Fellowship Team Update



- Fellowship Team Meeting September 6th immediately following worship in the back of the Fellowship Hall.
- Join us after worship on September 13th, Kick off day, for a potluck. Fellowship Team will provide the paper products. Please bring a dish to pass.

## ***Snoop Party!***

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FUN TIMES COMING UP!

Fellowship Team will be hosting a "Snoop Party"

Saturday, September 26th, from 7-9 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.



This is a fun evening playing a gift exchange game that requires a "white

elephant" unwrapped "gift" in a brown grocery bag, or, you could choose to buy something under \$5.00. Also, bring an appetizer or something to snack on. Beverages will be provided. If you've never played, come along and bring a friend as well. Card tables will be needed, if you have one.

Any questions contact Roberta Single 248-634-4360

### Fellowship Team

Margaret Perry, Donna Miller, Cathie Killewald, Beth Dryer, Roberta Single, Mary Renico, Fran Olsen, Elizabeth Kici, Coleen Spring, Judy Studer and Jan Bradshaw.

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## Property Team Update



Effective September 1st we are a smoke-free property. No smoking on the Grounds or in the Building at HPC.

### Building Safety

A reminder to all to check the building for unlocked doors, water, or anything that could be pertinent to the building. It would be appreciated. We could easily prevent disasters.

Thank you,

Property Team

Lori Goldsmith, Randy Cook, Broady Cook, Gerry Jackson and Tim Burns.

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# Worship Team Update



## Weekly Attendance

Don't forget to fill out the blue fellowship book for our record keeping of your weekly attendance. Not only is the entry used for important data the church needs to collect for accounting purposes but it is used to learn visitors names, address corrections, etc. Thank you the Worship Team.

And...

Worship Team is in need of volunteers for the next several months. Open positions include substitutes for Worship Leader, ushers, greeters, and communion servers (must be as an Elder of the church). Also, we are in need of a person to fill the vacant Worship Team Leader position that become vacant in January and team members are need to make the team a viable and active group. If this sounds like something that interests you see Dessalee Cook for details.

Worship Team  
Dessalee Cook  
Vicki Lyles  
Gordie Bradshaw

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# Outreach Team Update

In The Beginning News!

We are looking for **new** volunteers for the Baby Pantry Team. Giving your time or resources to this wonderful outreach ministry will bless you in so many ways! Contact Laura Parker if you are interested in supporting this ministry.



UPDATES!

UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, Sept 11th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, Sept 19th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Friday, Sept 25th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Items we need include: We are low on many clothing sizes:

- Girls pants (12-18 mo, 24 mo, 2T)
- Girls shirts (3T, 4T)
- Boys PJ's (18-24 mo, 2T, 3T, 4T)

We are in need of Diapers size 1 and 4 as well as wipes. Kleenex, hand soap, wipes, & diaper rash cream are an ongoing need.

If you feel called to this ministry please see a Judy Studer, Christine Cook, or Laura Parker.

"And he took the children in his arms, put His hands on them and blessed them." Mark 10:16

Prayer requests from our families

- Pray for all those in difficult relationships, struggling with emotional and physical abuse, and self doubt. May they be comforted by the love of Christ.
- Pray for families expecting new arrivals this year. May they experience healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries.
- Pray for those parents who are not getting enough hours on their work schedules.
- Pray for those parents who are seeking work.
- Prayers for baby, James Grant Saucier, born with a cleft palette. May God bless him and be with him, and with his parents as they learn what is ahead, and learn to manage life with a newborn.

Give & Take Library: We invite the entire HPC family to support this

element by donating children's books(used or new).

## Supporting our Missionaries



Colby and Sarah Keefer, Univ. of Mich Athletes in Action who continue to reach college athletes in the name of Christ.

[Keefer August Newsletter](#) Link



Operation Transit!  
CRU missionaries, Allen and DeeDee Iobst, continue to reach people in the name of Christ and distribute bibles.

[Iobst July Newsletter](#) Link

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- OLSHA Action Agency needs help in these areas: Handymen, Housekeepers, Survey Takers, Office Volunteers, Yard Clean ups, Snow Removal and Lawn Mowing, Minor Home Repairs, Home Safety Devices, Heavy Housekeeping and Yard Services. If you can help, please contact Marie Verheyen at 248-209-2671 or [MARIEV@olhsa.org](mailto:MARIEV@olhsa.org) with questions and to sign up. Details can be viewed on the office bulletin board.
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- Friends with Needs will be having a bake sale at Holly Foods again this year on September 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Calvary UMC is baking the goods and helping them with the sale and all funds raised are going to help pay for utilities for them here. If you're in the area check out the sweets. Last year was great.

The Outreach Team

Laura Parker, Jennifer Chanter, Donna DeNise, Kenzie Nash

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## Personnel Team News

Our church has many teams that not only accomplish awesome tasks, but have great fellowship and laughter. Please consider joining one of our teams.



Charlee Litten, Jennifer Chanter, Judy Studer, Dale Huffman, Margaret Perry

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## Supporting Missions . . .

The Keefer Family-Athletes in Action  
Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor, Mi

The Iobst Family- Operations Transit  
Algeciras, Spain  
(Both Working Under Campus Crusade for Christ)

Grace Centers of Hope- Easter Baskets  
Pontiac, Mi

HPC Christmas - Adopt a Family

In the Beginning Baby Pantry

Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry  
Holly, Mi

Friend with Needs Outreach

School Supplies-Holly Area Youth Assistance

School Supplies for Haiti

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## Our 2015 Session

### **Class of 2015**

Charlee Litten	Personnel Team	(810) 694-0095
Dessalee Cook	Worship Team	(248) 634-5680
Jim Lyles	Clerk	(248) 634-4610
Walt Brown	Technology Team	(810) 629-1618

### **Class of 2016**

Christine Cook	Christian Ed.Team	(248) 887-2012
Lori Goldsmith	Property Team	(810) 397-9722
Bob Killewald	Finance Team	(248) 310-2410

### **Class of 2017**

Laura Parker	Outreach Team	(248) 245-5348
Margaret Perry	Fellowship Team	(810) 735-7692
Karen Haneline	Care Team	(248) 894-3489

Minister:

The Rev. Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates  
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